

REMARKS

Claims 32-34, 36-43, 45-48 and 50-56 are pending in the application. The Examiner allowed Claims 40, 50 and 54, objected to claims 36, 38, 39, 43, 48, and 51-53, and rejected Claims 32-34, 27, 41, 42, 45-47, 55 and 56. The Examiner also objected to the drawings. The Examiner's objections and rejections are addressed below in substantially the same order as in the office action. Applicant believes that the present case is in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

Claims 41, 42, 45 and 56

Claims 41, 42, 45, and 56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Trott (4,375,834). With respect to claim 41, this claim has been rewritten to incorporate the recitation of claim 38, a claim the Examiner indicated would be allowable if appropriately rewritten. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 41 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 42 and 45 depend from claim 41, a claim believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, these claims are in condition for allowance on at least such grounds. Claim 56 has been cancelled.

Claims 32-34, 37, 46, 47 and 55

Claims 32-34, 37, 46, 47, and 55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trott in view of Farrant et al. (6,315,043). With respect to amended claim 32, this prior art neither discloses nor suggests a motor for setting slips and a mechanical release for retracting the slips as such an arrangement is claimed in amended claim 32. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended claim 32 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 33,34 and 37 depend from claim 32, a claim believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, these claims are in condition for allowance on at least such grounds.

Claim 46 has been rewritten to incorporate the recitation of claim 48, a claim the Examiner considers allowable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 46 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 47 and 55 depend from claim 46, a claim believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, these claims are in condition for allowance on at least such grounds.

Claims 36, 38, 39, 43, 48 and 51-53

The Examiner objected to Claims 36, 38, 39, 43, 48 and 51-53 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 36 and 39 depend from claim 32, a claim believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, these claims are in condition for allowance on at least such grounds.

Claim 43 depends from claim 41, a claim believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this claim is in condition for allowance on at least such grounds.

Claims 38 and 48 have been cancelled.

Claim 51 depend from claim 46, a claim believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this claim is in condition for allowance on at least such grounds.

Claim 52 has been rewritten in independent form and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 53 depend from claim 52, a claim believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this claim is in condition for allowance on at least such grounds.

Objections to Drawings

The Examiner objects to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because slot 42 is not shown in the drawings and features 49 and 82 are not identified in the written description. Applicant has amended the specification to address each of the noted discrepancies and respectfully submits that the proposed corrections remove the basis of the objection.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-0010 (COR-1042-US)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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